

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMUNICATIONS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:50
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MTNL SCAM CASE
ANANT GANGARAM GEETE;DR. KIRIT SOMAIYA

Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether CBI has started inquiry into major MTNL scam involving over 230 Class-I and Class-II MTNL officers of Mumbai;
- (b) if so, whether fake bills and work orders from eastern suburbs were detected by the CBI;
- (c) if so, whether charges have been framed against some officers with the help of CBI and Anti-Corruption Bureau;
- (d) if so, the details thereof; and
- (e) the action proposed to be taken by the Government against the guilty officers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

- (a) ACB, CBI, Mumbai have registered cases involving 12 officers of MTNL and 6 private parties in connection with the alleged irregularities in the award and execution of `reinstatement work` contract.
- (b) Some incriminating documents have been seized and are under scrutiny by CBI.
- (c)&(d): The investigation is in progress.
- (e) The officers found guilty on the basis of CBI investigation report would be appropriately dealt with as per the existing rules & procedures.